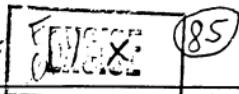


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Situation Prague and outlying parts Czechoslovakia visited today appears normal with no signs unusual military activity or public concern. Travelling by Czech civil air today visited following air bases: Prague (Ruzyné) Brno, Zvolen (Sliac), Kosice and Mosnov (Ostrava). Counted over 300 jet fighters which nearly half total strength Czech Air Force. No indications unusual preparations or local military alerts although routine training flying observed.

preparing detailed report for cabling HQ Washington and Wiesbaden.

Embassy officer now at Tatranska Lomnica (near Polish border) indicated no unusual activity or developments.

While Embassy has received few cables and letters protesting "blockade" there is no present indication widespread public concern. People cannot be expected to react until given signal by party and government which in turn awaiting cue from Soviet leadership.

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